

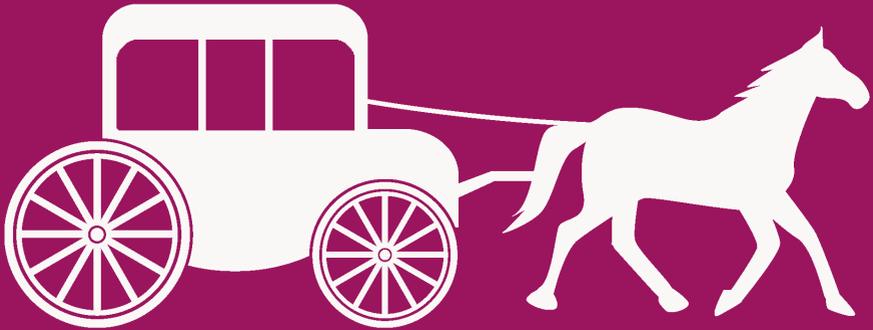


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Remembering Details

Comprehension Activities



■ Curriculum Readers: 800 - 1300 Total Words

Victorians

1. Measles: Victorian Style

C. Recalling Information to Remember

What are three interesting facts that you would like to remember about measles in Victorian times?

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D. Comprehension Check Page

What do you remember?

1. In the text, Mum had said, 'Not long for this world by the sound of that cough'. What do you think she meant?
 - a) He was going to go on holiday.
 - b) He was likely to die soon.
 - c) He was running late for work.
 - d) His cough was really bad.

2. Which of the following did the doctor recommend for Bessie?
 - a) A hot bath.
 - b) Mercury for her rash.
 - c) A stethoscope.
 - d) Staying in bed for 2 weeks with no fresh air.
 - e) Barley water to drink.
 - f) Alum to wipe her brow.
 - g) Soft food like jelly.

3. What are some of the details that tell us that this is a poor family living in Victorian times?

4. Why didn't Mum want to take Bessie to the hospital?

5. Why did the girl need to go to work?

2. Pollution: Victorian Style

C. Recalling Information to Remember

What are three interesting facts that you would like to remember about Victorian pollution?

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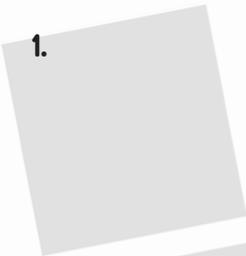
What do you remember?

1. Tick the main sources of Victorian pollution in the list:
 - a) Rotting vegetables in the streets.
 - b) Rats.
 - c) Smoke from coal fires.
 - d) Car fumes.
 - e) Too much plastic.
 - f) No sewerage system.
2. 'In that week in London, 757 people died because of the fog.'
What did toxic chemicals in the air do to people?
3. What did Bazalgette do to improve water pollution?
4. What were the main ways that drinking water became polluted?
5. Dangerous chemicals were used in Victorian homes. What were three ways that Victorian homes were polluting?

3. Bert the Bus Driver

C. Recalling Information to Remember

What are three interesting facts that you would like to remember about being a bus driver and life on the streets of London?

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What do you remember?

1. Bert's working day starts at 8.00am. Describe what he does before work and at lunchtime and then describe when his working day ends.
2. Many jobs were done overnight in big cities like London. What were some of the night jobs that were mentioned in the story?
3. What were the different sorts of horse-drawn vehicles that were on the streets of London?
4. How had the new underground railway made life better for Bert?
5. People could buy goods in many different places in Victorian London. List three different ways in which or places where goods could be bought and sold.

4. Our Great Expedition to the Great Exhibition

C. Recalling Information to Remember

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What are three facts that you would like to remember about the Great Exhibition?

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D. Comprehension Check Page

What do you remember?

1. Tick the correct details:
 - a. Big Ben is the name of the clock that was in Crystal Palace.
 - b. The Great Exhibition displayed the latest machines and inventions.
 - c. Nasmyth invented a steam hammer that could crack an egg.
 - d. Rubber shoes were on display.
 - e. 10 or 12 horses were used to carry the Crystal Palace to Penge.
 - f. Parliament buildings in London had burned down in 1834.
2. What was so remarkable about a building that was made from only glass and iron?
3. 'It's like they've cooked something by making it really, really cold.' What was this sentence referring to and why would this product have been at the Great Exhibition as one of the latest inventions?
4. What two important buildings were being built in London at the time of the Great Exhibition?
5. What impression did the family get from their first glimpse of the Great Exhibition building?

5. A Day at the Seaside: Victorian Style

C. Recalling Information to Remember

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What are three interesting facts that you would like to remember about a Victorian trip to the seaside?

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What do you remember?

1. It was essential to hire a bathing machine and a dipper if...
2. This family did not consider fish and chips to be proper food because...
3. Brighton Pier was crowded with a lot of entertainers. including:
 - a)
 - b)
 - c)
4. "You cannot imagine how frightening it is to step onto a moving staircase." What had frightened Mama, and what did the store do to revive its frightened customers?
5. What clothes did the children wear to the beach and what did they wear when they were swimming?